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CONFIRMATION NO. 3921

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract of the technical disclosure not exceeding 150 words in length and commencing on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) is required. An abstract was not provided for this application.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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**EXAMPLES OF FEES BEING ADJUSTED**

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fees remain  
at FY 2003  
amount

DESCRIPTION	FY 2003	FY 2004
Basic filing fee - Utility	\$750	\$770
Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385
Independent claims in excess of three	\$84	\$86
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43
Claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*
Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*
Multiple dependent claim	\$280	\$290
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	\$140	\$145
Surcharge - Late filing fee	\$130	\$130
Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity)	\$65	\$65
Design filing fee	\$330	\$340
Design filing fee (Small Entity)	\$165	\$170
Plant filing fee	\$520	\$530
Plant filing fee (Small Entity)	\$260	\$265
Reissue filing fee	\$750	\$770
Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385
Reissue independent claims	\$84	\$86
Reissue independent claims (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43
Reissue claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*
Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*
Provisional application filing fee	\$160	\$160*
Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	\$80	\$80*
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee	\$50	\$50*
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity)	\$25	\$25*
Non-English Specification	\$130	\$130*
Extension - First month	\$110	\$110*
Extension - First month (Small Entity)	\$55	\$55*
Extension - Second month	\$410	\$420
Extension - Second month (Small Entity)	\$205	\$210
Extension - Third month	\$930	\$950
Extension - Third month (Small Entity)	\$465	\$475
Extension - Fourth month	\$1,450	\$1,480
Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity)	\$725	\$740
Extension - Fifth month	\$1,970	\$2,010
Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity)	\$985	\$1,005
Petition	\$130	\$130*
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